**Price approval of Imported Formulations**

603. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under Para 14 of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 every importer of finished formulations is required to take price approval before disposing of imported formulations;

(b) whether it is a fact that number of imported formulations are being sold without obtaining price approval;

(c) if so, what arrangement has been made to check whether price approval has been obtained for particular formulation or not;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the imported formulations are being sold at very high prices;

(e) what are the names of the parties who imported finished formulations along with the names of the medicines during the last two years, year-wise; and

(f) how many of the above have not obtained price approval before disposing of the imported medicines along with the names of the parties and the medicines; and what action was taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Paragraph 14(1) of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979, restrains the importers of new formulations or new packs of new dosage forms of the existing formulations falling in Category I to III of the said Order from marketing such formulations without prior approval of their prices from the Government.

(b) Nothing specific to this effect has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) It is the responsibility of the importers to seek price approval in accordance with the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(d) No, Sir. Fair and reasonable prices are fixed for price controlled imported formulations under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. Imported formulations are allowed a mark up of 50 per cent on the landed cost of imports.

(e) and (f) The details of applications received from various companies during the last two years for fixation of prices of imported formulations are given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXXXV. Annexure No. 14.] The prices in all these cases have been fixed by the Government.

**Price approval of Drugs**

604. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies which are marketing formulations based on Cephalexin, Cephrodine and Cephaloridine along with the prices fixed by Government per pack of different formulations;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have exempted customs duty on these drugs;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain companies are either marketing without price approval or selling at prices higher than the fixed ones;

(d) if so, what action has been taken against them;

(e) what is the price of each bulk drug taken into account while fixing the prices of each formulation of each company;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has not verified purchase invoices of these drugs; and

(g) if so, on what basis fair prices of these formulations were fixed?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) A Statement (*see below*) showing the leader prices of Cephalexin and Cephaloridine which are exclusive of excise duty as notified under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 is attached. Leader prices for Cephrodine have not so far been notified. Among the major manufacturers and sellers of formulations based on ne or more of these three drugs are Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited, Glaxo Laboratories (India) Limited, Standard Pharmaceuticals etc.

(b) Cephalexin and Cephaloridine when imported in bulk are exempted from customs duty whereas Cephrodine is levied normal rate of customs duty.

(c) and (d) Information to the extent available is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) to (g) Prices of formulations based on these drugs have been regulated based on the average landed cost of import during complete one year based on the details collected from different Ports.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Name of the formulation with strength | Pack Size | Leader price (Rs.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Cephalexin 250 mg | 4's | 5.62 |
| 2. | Cephalexin 500mg | 4's | 9.78 |
| 3. | Cephalexin Syrup 125 mg/5 ml | 40ml bottle | 7.00 |
| 4. | Cephaloridine 0.5 mg/vial | 1 vial | 10.34 |
| 5. | Cephaloridine 1gm/ | 1 vial | 18.12 |

**Royalty on crude oil**

605. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 760 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th March, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision with respect to the demand of Gujarat and Assam States for the revision of royalty rates on crude oil;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof:

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay and by when the final decision is likely to be taken; and

(d) from which date the revised royalty rates of crude oil are proposed to be given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Disussions between Chief Minister of Gujarat and the Minister of Petroleum are yet to take place.

(d) No decision has been taken so far in the matter.

**Price control of Vicks range of formulations**

606. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vicks range of formulations are under price decontrol;

(b) what was the price of each of Vicks formulation before the announcement of Price Control Order, 1979 and what is its present price;

(c) whether it is a fact that the prices of these formulations have been increased so many times during this